



# River Experiences! East Central IL



**Fox Ridge State Park - Embarras River (Charleston)**

Boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking.

217/345-6416

**Walnut Point State Park - Embarras River (Oakland)**

Fishing, hiking, camping, hunting, picnicking, winter sports.

217/346-3336

**Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area - Mackinaw River (Mackinaw)**

Canoeing, fishing, hunting, hiking, picnicking.

309/963-4969

**Iroquois State Wildlife Area - Kankakee and Iroquois River (Beaverville)**

Archery, dog training range, hand trap range, hiking, hunting, picnicking, snowmobiling.

815/435-2218

**Kankakee River State Park - Kankakee River (Bourbonnais)**

Biking, camping, canoeing, cross country skiing, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking, snowmobiling.

815/933-1383

**Hidden Springs State Forest - Richland Creek (Strasburg)**

Camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking.

217/644-3091

**Ramsey Lake State Park - Ramsey Creek (Ramsey)**

Boating, camping, fishing, hunting, picnicking, snowmobiling, winter sports.

618/423-2215



**Shelbyville Dam Access - Kaskaskia River (Shelbyville)**

Boating, fishing.

217/665-3112

**Kennekuk County Park - Middle Fork River (Danville)**

Hunting, hiking, birdwatching.

217/442-1691

**Kickapoo State Park and Recreation Area - Middle Fork River (Oakwood)**

Boating, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking and running, horseback riding, hunting, mountain bike riding, scuba diving, winter sports.

217/442-4915

**Middle Fork River Forest Preserve - Middle Fork River (Penfield)**

Fishing, hiking.

217/595-5692

**Middle Fork State Fish and Wildlife Area - Middle Fork River (Oakwood)**

Camping, canoeing, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking, snowmobiling.

217/442-4915

**Salt Fork River Forest Preserve - Salt Fork River (Homer/Ogden)**

Fishing, hiking, boating, bird-watching, picnicking.

217/586-3360

**Clinton Lake - North Fork Salt Creek, and South Branch Salt Creek (Dewitt)**

Beach, boating, camping, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, picnicking, hunting, picnicking, swimming.

217/935-8722



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## **Lake of the Woods - Sangamon River**

(Mahomet)

Fishing, boating, hiking, picnicking, cross-country skiing, sledding.

217/586-3360

## **Moraine View State Recreation Area - North Fork Salt Creek (Leroy)**

Boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking, swimming.

309/724-8032

## **River Bend Forest Preserve - Sangamon River**

(Mahomet)

Fishing, hiking, wildlife observing.

217/586-3360

## **Robert Allerton Park - Sangamon River**

(Monticello)

Hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing.

217/762-2721

## **Sangchris Lake State park - South Fork (Rochester)**

Boating, camping, dog training, fishing, hiking, hunting.

217/498-9208

## **Spitler Woods State Park - Salt Creek (Mt. Zion)**

Hiking, backpacking.

217/864-3121

## **Weldon Springs State Recreation Area - Salt Creek (Clinton)**

Amphitheater, boating, camping, cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, hunting.

217/935-2644

## **Lincoln Trail State Park - Mill Creek (Marshall)**

Boating, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, winter sports.

217/826-2222

217/662-2142



## **Forest Glen Preserve - Vermilion River**

(Westville)

Hiking, camping.

217/662-2142

## **Harry "Babe" Woodyard State Natural Area - Little Vermilion River (Georgetown)**

Hiking, fishing, hunting, supports 12 threatened or endangered species.

217/662-2714

## **Other Areas to Explore**

Friends Creek - Sangamon River (Decatur)

Kickapoo Creek County Park - Kickapoo Creek, Sangamon River (Lincoln)

Lodge Park County Forest Preserve - Sangamon River (Monticello)

Mill Creek County Park - Mill Creek, Wabash River (Marshall)

Pekin Lake Fish and Wildlife Area - Illinois River (Pekin)

Railsplitter Park - Lake Fork, Sangamon River (Lincoln)

Riverside Park - Sangamon River (Springfield)

## **Canoe Outfitters**

**Kickapoo Landing** (Middle Fork River)

Based in Kickapoo State Park

217/446-8399

**Middle Fork Canoe Outfitters** (Middle Fork, Salt Fork, North Fork, and the Vermilion Rivers)

Based in Kennekuk County Park near Danville

217/304-4240

<http://>

[middleforkcanoes.allarounddanville.com/](http://middleforkcanoes.allarounddanville.com/)

# Be RiverSmart!

**You can make a difference, at home, at work, and in your community!  
Here are 19 things you can do to protect water quality and your local stream:**

## Conserve water at home

- ◆ Repair leaky faucets or toilets right away. Leaks can waste 50 gallons of water a day.
- ◆ Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth, shaving, or washing dishes. This can save 3-5 gallons a day.
- ◆ Install low flow toilets to save 3-5 gallons per flush.
- ◆ Install water saving showerheads. Outdated showerheads waste 20 gallons of water a day.
- ◆ When you need a new washing machine, buy one that uses less water. This will save you money and help our rivers.
- ◆ Only run your dish washer or washing machine when they are full.
- ◆ Water your lawn and garden only in the morning or evening.
- ◆ Avoid using pesticides and fertilizers at your home.
- ◆ On your farm, develop nutrient management plans and follow University of Illinois Extension guidelines for fertilizers and pesticides.
- ◆ Buy and use environmentally friendly products and alternatives (avoid chlorine, phosphates and solvents).
- ◆ Dispose of household cleaners, paint, and other chemicals safely. Never dump them down the storm drain.
- ◆ Plant a tree (or two). Trees can reduce many pollutants associated with rainfall runoff, holding soil in place, and slowing down stormwater. Planting and keeping trees along stream corridors will protect water quality and help to re-establish forested wetlands.



## Control pollution from your home

- ◆ Fix car leaks promptly.
- ◆ Dispose of oil and anti-freeze safely, never dump it down the storm drain. A quart of oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of drinking water or create an eight acre oil slick, while antifreeze can poison wildlife.
- ◆ Properly maintain your septic tank.
- ◆ Sweep off the driveway, patio or sidewalk, instead of hosing it off with water. This conserves water and prevents run-off of contaminants into our rivers.

- ◆ Compost or recycle your yard waste, don't let it wash down the storm drain.

## Get to know your local watershed and river conservation group

- ◆ Enjoy opportunities to recreate with your family - fishing, paddling, hunting, hiking and birdwatching - along Illinois' rivers and streams.
- ◆ Join a local watershed or statewide river conservation organization, and get involved in activities such as river cleanups, storm drain stenciling, water quality monitoring, or education. Go to [www.prairierivers.org](http://www.prairierivers.org) for more information.